Economic Sanctions against South Africa

2753. SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD: DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister while participating in the Commonwealth Summit meeting in Vancouver (Canada) called on the Commonwealth members to reinforce economic sanctions against South Africa to force the latter to give up their policy of apartheid; if so, in what precise terms;

(b) what was the consensus on this issue; and

(c) what follow-up action is being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. Prime Minister reiterated the view that the only peaceful way to end apartheid is by imposing sanctions. He said that the Vancouver Summit must build upon the carry forward the progress achieved at the Nassau Summit in 1985 and the London Review Meeting in 1986.

(b) The details of the consensus have been outlined in the Okanagan Statement, a copy of which has earlier been laid on the Table of the House.

(c) An eight-member Committee of Foreign Ministers has been set up to provide high level impetus and guidance in furtherance of the objectives of the Okanagan Statement. India is a member of the Committee. The first meeting of the Committee is expected to take place under Canada's chairmanship in February '88.

Amount sanctioned to Sri Lanka for rehabilitation and reconstruction work

2754. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total amount sanctioned by the Government of India to the Government of Sri Lanka for the rehabilitation and reconstruction work in the northern and eastern parts of the island;

(b) whether the Government of India are granting funds as aid to Sri Lanka Government; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K NATWAR SINGH): (a) to (c) Government has announced a Rs. 250 million reconstruction and rehabilitation grant to the Sri Lankan Government. A team of experts from India will visit Sri Lanka to make an on-the-spot assessment and make recommendations about the optimum utilisation of this grant.

Resource gap for Senventh Five Year Plan

2755. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 3024 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 20th August, 1987 and state:

(a) whether the Government have since formulated appropriate measures other than deficit financing to meet the resource gap for the Seventh Five Year Plan; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) and (b) The mid-term appraisal of the Seventh Plan is still underway. The measures other than